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OUR CIRCULATION.

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AN EXTRA SESSION of Congress is called to meet June 4th.

THE Pennsylvania legislature last Wednesday elected Don Cameron to succeed his father as U. S. Senator.

THE Pennsylvania legislature has adjourned until the first Tuesday in January next.

HON. STANLEY MATHEWS has been elected U. S. Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Sherman, of Ohio.

THE PRESIDENT has decided to send a commission of several prominent men of both parties to Louisiana to investigate the political situation and report thereon. Vice President Wheeler will be one of the members.

The public trial of the seven dummies introduced upon the Market-street railway, drew thousands of people to that thoroughfare Wednesday afternoon. The cars started from the depot at 2 o'clock P. M., and contained a number of invited guests. They did not scare the horses upon the street, and the trial was eminently satisfactory.

Postmasterships.

Postmaster General Key, in answer to questions of inquiry from a member of Congress, says: "First, no postmaster should be removed during his term of four years except for cause. Second, when a postmaster has served four years and been a good officer, he is only so much the better qualified to serve four years more. Third, when a postmaster has served eight years, as our form of government is Republican, and he may have become inattentive to his duties, it is then but reasonable that his case, like those of others, should be submitted to the people for an expression of their preference."

The Civil Service Rules.

The following circular has been issued at the War Department, under date of the 19th:

The civil employees now in the service of the United States under the War Department are hereby informed that hereafter removals will be made in this Department for cause only, and promotions will be ordered upon the sole ground of merit. Every official must understand that retention and advancement in the service will depend upon record of good behavior and efficiency, and not upon external influence. No political test is required beyond an earnest support of the Constitution and its amendments and a proper respect for the rights of citizens guaranteed thereby. Industry and faithfulness in the discharge of duty, a good moral character and strictly temperate habits, will be required and enforced, and heads of bureaus will report promptly any case of idleness, neglect of duty, incapacity, drunkenness or any immoral or dishonest conduct. In case of vacancy report thereof will be made, accompanied by a list of all the most reliable and efficient clerks in the same office, division or bureau from which list the vacancy shall be filled.

GEORGE W. McCRAHY, Secretary of War.

It is understood that this plan will control all the other departments, and may be set down as the new civil service rules, so far as they concern those that are in office. The rules for those trying to get office will be promulgated in circular order when agreed upon.

Sudden Decline in Real Estate.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 20.—Great excitement was caused at twelve o'clock last night among a large number of families who reside in the vicinity of what is known as the Diamond mine, one of the largest and oldest collieries of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre coal company. For about ten days past there have been indications that a cave in might occur at any time, and great fear has existed that serious if not fatal results would follow if those living in houses built on the surface directly over the mine should continue to reside in them. Last week many families moved away, but a great many more were left. The extent of ground threatened by the disaster covered about ten acres. Last night the whole surface suddenly

dropped down from eight to ten inches, while in many places wide seams were opened as if made by an earthquake. Those who felt the shock and went down with their houses were terribly frightened, and men, women and children rushed out into the cold, dark night to separate and fly in all directions. Fortunately no fatal consequences followed.

The mine, of course, cannot be entered, as apprehensions are felt that the whole surface may drop further down, although some miners are of the opinion that the crush inside is complete. The damages cannot be estimated at present.

Steam Street Cars.

The Philadelphia North American says: The steam cars built for the Market-street Railway are palatial establishments, and are destined to become popular. Six of them were constructed in Troy, and one built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works of this city. The inventor is Lewis Ransom, who worked upon the problem for twenty years. He is now in Philadelphia, and will superintend the trial of the "dummies" tomorrow. President Morton has been figuring extensively, and concludes that he can make a saving of \$3000 per year upon every steam car run. The seven cars will require twelve engineers, three of whom are from Troy, and the rest are Philadelphians.

A Fatal Fall Down Stairs.

At an early hour on the 26th inst., it was announced that Hon. Albert Haines, State Senator from Preble county, Ohio, had fallen down a basement stairway in the night and had received injuries which had resulted fatally. It appears that after the Democratic caucus he returned to his boarding house and entered the room of some of his friends, where he remained until about midnight.

On leaving his friends he proceeded toward his own room in another part of the house, which is a double one. Instead of turning into the broad open hall, he turned into the fatal trap, a narrow and unguarded stairway with 15 steps, and some 12 feet in depth. The halls were all dark; all was quiet. The boarders had all retired to their rooms, and not until next morning was anything known of the accident. His neck was broken and death must have been almost instantaneous.

A Sad Case.

The following from the Boston Bulletin, describes the estimation in which the newspaper "dead-beat" is held by the well-known evangelists Moody and Sankey: "They had a tough subject in the inquiry-room this week. Moody wrestled with him, and Sankey sang with him, but the man seemed to despair of forgiveness. Finally Moody asked him what heavy sin burdened his mind, and he confessed to having beat a newspaper publisher out of three years subscription. The evangelist informed him that they did not profess to perform miracles, but if he would settle up his dues, with compound interest, and pay for three years more in advance, although they could not open the doors of the church to him, perhaps he might be snaked in under the canvas."

Juvenile Murderers.

Alabama has the champion murderers. In Talladega county, last Tuesday, the sons of a Mr. Wilkes, residing near Syllauga, were returning from the village in company with another boy, and when some distance from the school-house, the boys became involved in a quarrel, when the strange boy struck down the elder of the Wilkes boys, a lad about 11 years of age, pounding him to death. The younger Wilkes, about 9 years of age, called to the boy to stop striking his brother, as he had killed him. The boy paying no attention to the request of young Wilkes, the latter pulled out his pocket-knife and stabbed him in a vital part, killing him almost instantly. None of the boys, it is said, exceed 12 years of age.

A gang of tramps, attracted to the warm corner of a rolling mill in Indianapolis last Friday, began fighting among themselves for the possession of a bottle of whiskey. The foreman of the mill ordered them out, and, on refusal, marshaled the mill hands to enforce his command. A pitched battle ensued with such missiles as fragments of iron, boulders and pieces of slag, and the tramps, numbering one hundred, nearly drove the fifty mill hands off the premises. After a bombardment of half an hour the employees made a grand rally and rush, and, despite the fact that the interlopers were armed with knives and bludgeons, fairly swept them out. Quite a number of severe injuries were inflicted on both sides.

A Bold Robbery.

INDIANAPOLIS, March, 21.—At noon to-day a stranger entered the Indiana national bank of this city, carrying a large box wrapped with paper and fastened by cords. The attaches of the bank were behind the counters but in

the rear part of the room, and in plain sight. The man deposited the box on the floor, jumped upon it and reaching over the counter railing grabbed a number of packages of bills and made his escape. The bank claims the loss to be fully \$25,000. A reward of \$5,000 is offered for the arrest of the thief and return of the money.

Attacked by a Bull-dog.

A Cincinnati despatch of March 20th., says: "An English bull-dog of enormous size attacked a little girl who was feeding him yesterday, and began to devour her flesh. A police officer shot the brute through the head. After he was wounded the dog sprang upon the officer and nearly threw him to the ground, and also bit the mother of the child severely in the hand. The little girl cannot live."

Governor Hubbard, of Connecticut, has vetoed the bill giving members of the Legislature a mileage of twenty-five cents each way on the ground that it is in violation of the constitutional provision against the Legislature increasing its own pay. He also vetoed the new registry law on the ground that the requirement that an elector shall be made an elector anew when he moves to another town is an unconstitutional interference with the franchise.

An extra freight train on the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railway went through the approach to the Long Branch bridge, six miles east of Cameron, Mo. The locomotive and ten cars were wrecked. Ira Green, the engineer, was instantly killed. Edward Conner, the fireman, was mortally wounded, and Levi Ricketts, the brakeman, was badly injured. The approach had been burned during the night. The fire is supposed to have been caused by sparks from a previously passing train.

When the time came for unmasking at a private masquerade party near Troy one of the young lady guests would not remove her mask until the order was insisted upon. When she did obey it was seen that she was just recovering from an attack of small-pox. Since the party the small-pox has been widely scattered over West Troy and Port Schuyler, and no less than forty persons are now suffering from this loathsome disease.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20th, 1877.

The Senate adjourned last Saturday, its two last acts being to confirm the President's appointment of Hon. Fred. Douglass to the office of Marshal for the District of Columbia, and to authorize a committee to investigate the legality of Grover's election to the Senate. The committee was appointed, money for its expenses appropriated, and it is to sit during the recess. There is much talk about an extra session, but nothing definite is known in regard to it.

The chief interests of the political world are now concentrated upon the South Carolina and Louisiana governments. Delegations and petitions are continually pouring in upon President Hayes, but that gentleman does not in the least commit himself, although listening patiently and respectfully to all complaints and grievances. He simply replies that he shall give the matters referred to his most serious attention and subject them to the fullest examination, and that it is his intention to have the affairs settled as soon as practicable. The question is to be considered by the Cabinet to-day and it is very generally believed that a commission in an unofficial capacity, consisting of Vice President Wheeler, Mr. Foster, of Ohio, possibly Stanley Matthews and probably some others, will go to New Orleans to try to bring about a compromise based on the reorganization of the Legislature and of the vote of governor by it.—Pending the efforts of the rival claimants to settle the controversy it is thought by many that the extra session of Congress will be called late in May or the first of June.

The public of our city were treated last week to a very enjoyable entertainment by the Jews of Washington. They gave a fair and festival for the benefit of the Adas Israel congregation, and the perfection of its arrangements and execution has been seldom, if ever, equaled here. There were many ways and means devised to attract patronage, but not the least effective were the handsome faces to be seen in their hall. There were large numbers of children in attendance upon the booths and tables, and such beautiful children! I think none but Jewish children have such lovely faces. I have never seen an ugly Hebrew child.—The first thing I observed upon entering the hall was a group of dolls, all dressed in deep mourning, the largest in widow's weeds, the others as children, and just before them was a little basket labeled, "Help the widows and orphans." The different lodges of Israelites had booths ranged about the sides of the hall, which were filled with every conceivable variety of fancy articles for sale. At one end was a cake table the centre piece on which was a huge pyramidal cake, frosted and ornamented lavishly, containing a gold ring.—This cake was raffled for and tickets to the number of 150 sold for it. Another table was loaded down with choice fruit, temptingly arranged and tended by a sweet-faced, bright-eyed girl whom no one could pass by. In the centre of the room was the flower-stand, a very bower of beauty, mosses, plants, nosegays, baskets, bouquets of ever size and style, singing birds in cages, and all such sweet and lovely things. But the centre of attraction was the Telegraph and Post office, the windows and doors of which were surrounded by an eager crowd the whole time. Real wires were in connection and a telegram received from the Executive Mansion one evening from President Hayes to the effect that he

and his family would attend the fair next evening, was exhibited on the exterior of the office and insured a full attendance for the following night. Their net gain was \$1,800.

The Sabbath is going to be, it seems, a sober, quiet day at the White House. The President makes it a point to do no business on Sunday that can be transacted as well other days. Mrs. Hayes is a devout member of the Methodist church and her husband attends with her. She kneels in prayer, joins in congregational singing, attends class-meeting and conscientiously performs all the acts of a faithful church-member. The Foundry church has been decided upon as the place of worship of the Presidential family, instead of the Metropolitan which was Grant's church, as being nearer, and Mrs. Hayes prefers walking to church, thereby relieving her servants and horses from Sunday duty.

M. M. W.

Miscellaneous News Items.

At North Troy, Vt., Tuesday morning, a severe shock of earthquake, lasting forty seconds, was felt.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, March 20.—An earthquake visited this part of the island yesterday. It caused great alarm but did no damage.

James Malone, of Eanton, Pa., while mentally deranged, hung himself on Monday a week at the Northampton county Almshouse, near Nazareth, Pa.

John Scott, of Rockdale, Pa., Wednesday morning set fire to his bed while smoking a pipe, and died from suffocation before assistance arrived.

MONTREAL, March 21.—Two children were accidentally poisoned yesterday by one Archambault, a hotel keeper, at Point-aux-Trembles, near this city. They died almost immediately.

PHILADELPHIA, March 21.—While fire engine No. 32 was proceeding to a fire this morning, it collided with a street car at Third and Walnut streets. Patrick King, the driver, was thrown under the engine and instantly killed. He leaves a wife and three children.

Mr. John Miller, living near Wynnville, in Blunt county, Ala., was most foully murdered in his own house the other evening. He was literally chopped to pieces with an axe. The incentive to this horrible butchery is supposed to have been money.

A whirlwind passed over Thomas county, Ga., lately, which did great damage, quite a number of residences blown down and making a clean sweep of 100 to 300 yards. Chickens were blown clean of feathers. Mrs. Harra was mortally wounded by falling timbers, and several persons sustained injuries.

An express messenger on the trail from Mobile, which arrived there at 10.15 on Saturday night a week, reports that at Lookout station a man boarded the express car and presented a pistol at him. The messenger made a rush at the man and received a ball in the hand, disabling him. The highwayman then grabbed a \$500 package, leaped from the car and escaped.

At Lancaster, Ky., on Saturday a week, G. C. Kennedy broke from the guard which was taking him to jail by order of the court to answer a charge of murdering his brother. The prisoner fled to an old house where twenty-five men joined him and defied the authorities. The guard fired on the house and wounded one man. One hundred men now surround the house and are trying to starve out the occupants.

At Egypt, Lehigh county, the Republicans fired an anvil over the inauguration of Hayes. The Democrats, for spite, fired a large one, and after both sides firing for some time the Republicans borrowed a huge anvil from a Democrat and out-boomed their opponents. Afterward a fight took place, in which the Republicans were victorious. Five or six men were badly beaten.

CHICAGO, March 20.—A driving snow fell during the entire afternoon, blockaded the streets to travel except in the beaten tracks, which were partially cleared by snow plows run by the street car companies. On the sides of the streets snow is piled up three or four feet high, and street cars run with great difficulty. The air to-night is moist and the snow heavy, and a rain storm and a flood are not among the improbabilities. Rain in heavy showers is reported in the southern and central portion of the state. Telegraphic communication is badly interrupted in all directions.

A man named Enos McDonald, in blasting rock, was struck by a premature blast while he was stooping over it. A piece of rock struck him in the forehead, shattering the skull, and driving the pieces into his brain, leaving a hole as large as a silver dollar in his forehead. He was carried to his house, and Dr. O'Brien, assisted by Dr. Chamberlain, removed all the pieces of bone from his brain. His brain can be distinctly seen and the pulsation of the blood vessels noticed through the opening in his forehead. He is perfectly conscious and intelligent, and hopes are entertained of his complete recovery.

Dyspepsia Dyspepsia Dyspepsia.

Dyspepsia is the most perplexing of all human ailments. Its symptoms are almost infinite in their variety, and the forlorn and despondent victims of the disease often fancy themselves the prey, in turn of every known malady. This is due, in part to the close sympathy which exists between the stomach and the brain; and in part also to the fact that any disturbance of the digestive function necessarily disorders the liver, the bowels and the nervous system, and effects to some extent, the quality of the blood.

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ASSIGNEE'S ACCOUNTS.

Notice is hereby given that the following Assignee accounts have been filed in the Prothonotary office and will be presented to the court for confirmation, on Wednesday the 11th of April next, where all parties may attend if they think proper, to wit: 1. The first and partial account of A. B. Grosh and W. E. Stambaugh, Assignees under deed of voluntary assignment for the benefit of creditors of George H. Martin. 2. The first and final account of Andrew S. Whitekett and Samuel Markel, Assignees of Michael Gallor, of Saville township, Perry county, Pa., under deed of voluntary assignment for the benefit of creditors. 3. The account of Perry Kreamer assignee of Ephraim Russell, of Greenwood twp., Perry co., Pa., and Martha his wife, in trust for the benefit of the creditors of the said Ephraim Russell under a deed of voluntary assignment. Executed the first day of April, 1877. Prothonotary's office, Bloomfield, March, 10, 1877. D. MICKLEY, Frothy'y.

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